IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a shrinkage suppression sheet on at least one face [both faces] of an unfired green sheet laminated body;

firing said green sheet laminated body on which said shrinkage suppression sheet is formed on the [its both] at least one face [faces]; and

removing said shrinkage suppression sheet by spraying at least one of ceramic powder and water together with compressed air onto said shrinkage suppression sheet on [both] the at least one face [faces] of said green sheet laminated body after firing.

2. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said ceramic powder is made [of the same] from a material, said material being the same as [the main constituent of] a material used [for] in said shrinkage suppression sheet.

3. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein the shrinkage suppression sheet has a sintering temperature [of said shrinkage suppression sheet] which is higher than a [the] sintering temperature of said green sheet laminated body.

4. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein [the pressure of] said compressed air has a pressure [is] between 3.0 and 5.5 kgf/cm^2.

7. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said shrinkage

suppression sheet is formed on both faces of said unfired green sheet laminated body and at least one of said ceramic powder and water is sprayed together with compressed air onto said shrinkage suppression sheet on both faces of said green sheet laminated body simultaneously after firing.

8. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 1, wherein said [sprayed] ceramic powder is collected, after spraying, for reuse [in spraying].

9. (Once Amended) A method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

forming a [in which a] shrinkage suppression sheet [is formed] on [both] two faces of an unfired [laminated] green [sheets] sheet laminated body;

[before] firing said green sheet laminated body; and

[, and said] removing said shrinkage suppression [sheets] sheet [is removed after sintering; wherein said shrinkage suppression sheet is removed] by spraying at least one of water, ceramic powder, and a mixture of ceramic powder and water together with compressed air onto at least one of the two faces of said green sheet laminated body, after firing.

10. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein the [pressure of said] compressed air has a pressure [is] between 3.0 and 5.5 kgf/cm^2.

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13. (Once Amended) The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein said ceramic powder is made of a material, said material being the same as a material used in said shrinkage suppression sheet [The method for manufacturing a multi-layered ceramic substrate as defined in Claim 9, wherein said ceramic powder mixed with said compressed air and water is made of the same material as the main constituent of a material used for said shrinkage suppression sheet].

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